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The Lighthouse Early Care and Education
License # 1769419
506 E. Moreno Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 (Zone 4)*

*Land Use Review City of Colorado Springs
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Project Narrative:

I'm currently working with The Division of Early Learning and Licensing and Administration (DELLA) in obtaining a child care license for my facility. Per state rules and regulations, I'm licensed to provide child care for up to 37 children, ages 2 years old to 12 years old. My hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 6:30am to 5:30pm and closed on all national holidays. We offer full-time and drop-in child care services for working families within our community, along with a convenient drop off method included to avoid any drop off congestion in our parking lot.

We are currently licensed for three classrooms. One toddler classroom, available to serve up to 14 children. A preschool classroom, available to serve up to 15 children and a mixed-age classroom utilized for drop-in, available to serve up to 8 children. To ensure we meet classroom ratios, I was able to create multiple job opportunities and hired one Center Director, three Early Childhood Educators, two Classroom Floaters and one Cook. Each staff member has completed three required state and federal background checks including a child abuse and neglect.

We believe that children learn through play. Our program includes a play-based atmosphere featuring a library with age-appropriate literature, an art station, a science station, a music station, a housekeeping station, and farmer's market. For children using our drop-in services, each day features new crafts and activities with a variety of materials at their disposal. Getting messy with shaving cream, painting, slime creations and more give each child an opportunity to investigate while they create.

It was discovered that the zoning for this land is for an apartment complex, but my goal is to utilize the current facility as a high-quality child care center, with the intent of combating a child care desert this community endures. Our drop off hours are 6:30am to 9:00am and pick up hours are from 3:00pm to 5:30pm. Parents will be provided with a drop off and pick up document included in each parent handbook explaining our procedures. Each parent can check in their child through our center's app, making it convenient for them to remain in their vehicle while their child is escorted into the building by a staff member. They will understand how to enter our driveway, how to check in their child, and how to exit the driveway.

I do not believe that our current landscaping of the property including the front and back layout, will negatively affect the surrounding neighborhood, but instead, contribute to the growth of a prospering community.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Jackie Lujan
Founder/CEO